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he above named papers are to keep the list standing on the first a ge and add others, provided dy elected. Any paper failrate the Ocala platform will se droups from the list promptly. Our now see what papers are In their interest

LETTER FROM PENNSYLVANIA. A Brothe Writes Like We Think Down

This Way. SPARTANSBURG, PA. OR: - To the brethren of old ganize co operative schemes. rich or por, should be raccording to their just deevery honest man is to clean old rotten, corrupt Congress. Washington say:

You benoramuses, keep vote. policys and send your back to at Oiro. The say: "Congress labor vote. of make gold and silver and pa "noney equal and all legal tender," secade we could not shave legal Me ce lend the credit of the nare you one of the people! shead of both old parties.

Democrats or Republicans! What has | the union movement, the Farmers' Al either party done for us in the last 20 liance was rapidly organized throughyears? They have worked together out the State and found its strongest and figured together to keep the people following where the most union party as equally divided into two parties, by work had been done. And to indicate kicking at each other during election that the opposition to the saloon had campaigns and then voting together in in no sense abated, when the State Congress in their interest, and to over- organization of the Farmers' Alliance throw all that our grandfathers gained | was effected it declared in unmis: ak by their suffering and death in the able terms against the saloon. Revolution and the war of 1812.

siren song of co operation, while a band | port an able, self sustaining State pa of conspiring politicians are leading per, while the Prohibitionists when you to the brink of national dissolu | working alone, failed to furnish a suption? Co operate! CO-OPERATE! CO- port for their State organ even after OPERATE! to elect an honest Presi- several thousands of dollars had been dent and Congre s who will repeal all contributed by self sacrificing leaders the partial, unequal and unjust laws to put the paper on its feet. No Union that have been forced upon us by brib- campaign is being mide now because ery, through England, Wall street and no election is pending, but the educasyndicate influence. Co operate for tional work necessary to give it in equal rights to all, and especially States | creased vitality is being done by the prison and the gallows for those who Farmers' Alliance, and as the leaders deserve them. If the people submit to of the two organizations are almost the present tyranny of this country, how long will it be before American party will fall heir to the strong sentiimperial anarchists and English lords ment of reform now being made by the will claim the United States as a part | Alliance, and whatever position reform of the English empire? Co operate to parties take nationally upon the living vote for the interests of labor-wealthproducers-and against all corruption, talsehood, deceit, oppression, nakedne, starvation and seduction. Vote for universal manhood and womanhood, for homes, for every human soul that is worthy to breathe God's free has been reported that on account of D W. ELDERKIN.

RESOLUTIONS.

WOODWORTH, N C. tions were passed with only four votes some work in the Prohibition party in against them by Townsville Alliance California, and later here in Chicago; at its regular meeting to-day:

Alliance and Industrial Union, in Su | years past has been with the National preme Council assembled at Ocala. Fla., did adopt almost unanimously ing reformers of different political the platform of principles known as faiths face to face, causing them to the Ocala platform, which is essential- clasp fraternal hands and say "we are ly political; and whereas, these de mands have been scoffed at and ridi until the spirit of reform brotherhood, culed by the partisan press of both the so admirably displayed recently at the old parties and ignored by our law Sherman House, Chicago, shall unite makers; and whereas, both the old the now distracted elements of reform parties in Kansas and other States did combine against the farmers' move ment to defeat it, and the unholy coali- a genuine reformer in the White House tion was approved by the leading pa- at Washington. pers of both parties. The Demo ratic party, which we have supported for a quarter of a century, thus showing that it preferred the "Hydraheaded monster," the Republican party, with the luiquitous Force bill and Wall street methods, to the reforms demanded by the people, and then by turning its back upon the foundation principles of Democracy, as devised by fferson and saveraged by Caleman Jackson and the long line of statesmen and patriots which made the party glorious and the nation great. There

Resolved, That we, the members of Townsviile Alliance, believing the reforms demanded in the Ocala platform are necessary to the ex stence of the farmers and laborers of this nation, therefore cannot support for office any man who is opposed to them.

2d. That as both the old p litical parties are opposed to these demands, we see no alternative left to the meeting on the 22 i of February but to hoist on high the banner of reform, and seek our rights at the ballot-box through in dependent political action

T. A. EPPES, Lecturer. THE UNION MOVEMENT IN OREGON.

MR. EDITOR:-The con'erence of reform leaders, recently held at the Sher ma: I am sick of the various man House, Chicago, has awakened new inquiry in regard to the "Oregon a small; they all mean don't experiment" in the line of union of re Present condition of politics. form forces. As I was closely identi great question before the fied with that movement, and to a conwho is the govern- siderable extent held responsible for its thes or the workers, our existence, I have been requested by wants in Congress and the persons representing each division of gatures, or the whole people? | the reform forces that are contemplatania co-operative organization ing a union of forces nationally, to the whole honest business make a statement in the reform press oung population of the United of the general result of the union movethe dishonest, criminal por ment in Oregon, and the present

government says we need more money | strength in the State, with representa- | to value each member's house and fur-

of the have been there thirty years was polled which was nearly twice as might own several horses and if he

part of the government. 3. As a result of the general awaken- FARMER. s doing taking about ing reform issues brought about by

4 The Union party of Oregon is still What are you doing singing the alive, has its State committee and supwithout exception identical, the Union issues, there will be no departure from campaigns.

A word of personal explanation. It the Cincinnati Conventions having voted down the resolution introduced by myself calling for the abolition of the saloon, I had given up my advoeacy of labor reform and union of Ma EDITOR:-The following resolutores. Since leaving Oregon, I did but the only connection I have had WHEREAS, The National Farmers' with reform politics nationally for two Reform party, in its mission of bring brethren," and there is where I belong into one great party of the people that shall, in the not far distant future, sext

Yours for Union, G. M. MILLER. 334 Dearborn St., Chicago

-----RESOLUTIONS.

MR. EDITOR:- The following preamble and resolutions were passed by Olive's Chapel Alliance, No 251. Wake county, C., in regular session, February 6th,

WHEREAS. The partisan press and the organs of the two old parties of this country, and especially the News and Observer, of Raleigh, have tried to slander our noble Or ler by misrepre senting and making faise charges against us, calculated, if believed, to injure our influence for good; there-

Resolved, That we condemn the course of such papers as unfair, dishonest and unbecoming to true jour-

2d. That we are free citizens and will not be governed by party lash longer, but leclare that our votes are for the measures engrafted in the Ocala platform, regardless of party.

3d That we endorse Col. L. L. Polk Polk, our beloved President, in all his actions, and hereby tender him our refor the righ s of the people. 4th. That these resolutions be spread

on our minutes, also a copy be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for publica-Respectfully submitted, T. S. B OTH,

W. F. UP HURCH, W. J. OLIVE. Committee,

J. M. LUTHER, Sec'y.

----PLAN FOR RELIEF.

BOGUE, N. C.

MR. EDITOR:-I see in your paper sible or private life, whether stams of the Union party in that State some plans for relief funds for brethren 1. The first call of a conference was | belonging to the Farmers' Alliance that signed by the State Chairman of the lose their houses and furniture by fire, The first great co-operative Prohibition and Union Labor parties or stock by disease. We, the members respectively, by the Master of the State of Eureka Sub Allian e, No. 1,440, Grange and she District Master Work- have been discussing different plans for as government (she people) man of the Knights of Labor. The relief, and have decided in our opinions those unfaithful stewards to nominating convention was composed that each member of the Alliance be bing the nation, they answer, of delegates from all these bodies, assessed according to valuation. Let the stiernment. When the about in proportion to their respective each Sub Alliance appoint a committee the business of the nation, tives also from the Federated Trades. niture and such property that may be The platform declaring for direct issue lost by fire, and all stock by disease. the bankers and millionaires of money by the government, abolition Let him pay a certain amount on the and cates, and we run this re- of the saloon, government control of \$100 valuation quarterly into the State e m and for our own interests, means of transportation, qualified wo- Treasury sufficient to pay the loss. We stand shoulder for indeand many sould damage our man suffrage and limited ownership of think this would be a fair way. We pendent action—equarely upon our is too great. We must have a new when the laborers of the land was adopted without a dissenting | see a plan in your paper that is very good, but we think this a better plan, 2. An impartial campaign was made, as there are some of the members that fate that God provided each plank of the platform receiving have considerable property while and so they go on. Some is due share of discussion, and a vote others have but little. A member and loses one he may be more able to buy aft rine just a mey did old Sher six times as large as the largest prior without aid than those who have none and are not able to buy one, but still The Prohibitionists quite generally he would have to pay as much quartercame into the Union party and heartily ly as the member who owns the horse. accepted the economic views of the It is the same case with houses and as we did the trade dol labor people, and the farmers and wage- furniture. It does not look just right workers as heartily accepted the anti for a member that has no horse and is to Charles on paper security, but saloon principles of the Prohibitionists, not able to buy one to have to pay as will now lend the same credit to our and there was no conflict whatever for much as the man that owns the horse rs on real estate security, superiority of issues. The Union vote and gets value for him. I hope all Alwould conduct their own was phenominally large wherever the liancemen will think and discuss this phalanx from one side of this nation can we hope to win greenbacks and t that would compel us to Knights of Labor or the Farmers' Alli plan in their meetings, and if there is oney in business and be- ance was strong; in many localities be any that suggest a better plan than the instead of national ing second, and in some instances this, we would be pleased to hear from break our line of battle, and thus people! A shame on such real enemies of guano unless the price of cotton is them through The Pacements divide our strength. (The old monopo of mankind! Let shylock sing their greatly improved, or the price Yours fraternally, KILBY TOLSON, Sec'y.

THE PUBLIC VOICE.

How may the Alliance and the friends of reform best secure the recognition and enforcement of our prin-

(A given space in this column will be devoted weekly to answers to the above question, from the friends of reform In order that the largest number may have a hearing, we must ask that you do not write more than twenty lines. Sign your name to your answer. Now let us have your sincere and honest

ELECT SINCERE REFORMERS.

LIBERTY, N. C. The true answer to your question How is the best way to secure our needed reforms," in my opinion is this, viz: To elect sincere reformers for lawmakers. Fraternally. W. L. KIVETT.

PRINCIPLES ABOVE PARTY.

DES MOINES, IOWA. principles," &c., in this country, of our principles except by separate in your book for a chance in the strugthe principles laid down in the first tion-and that is to forsake party of the farmers, laborers, small mer- and monopoly. Union party platform, no matter under affiliations, get together and vote for chants and traders. They may call what name the party may enter future them. Put principles above party, the new movement the People's party, break down sectional lines and we are Third party, Independent party or "in it" to stay.

Very truly, R. G. Scott.

SELECT MEN OF HONOR

JETERSVILLE, VA. recognition and enforcement of our principles. EMPEROR MANN.

STICK TO THE DEMANDS.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C. In answer to the public voice, I would say put both feet square on the by any means.

Yours fraternally, JAMES J. COLEY.

ELECT POOR MEN.

of r form best secure the recognition are forcement of our principles, will say: First, Elect poor, intelligent | do not read reform papers. men to represent us, both State and National. Second. Bind them under a bribes from any person, but to enact people. our demands into law, and let the penalty for violation of their obligation to crush their cussed skulls on sight, and my word for it our principles will

Yours fraternally. LEROY HARPER.

RLECT INDEPENDENTS.

BETHANIA, N. C. How may the Alliance and the friends of reform best secure the recognition and enforcement of our principles? Mr. Elitor, in answer to the above questions I will say that we need not expect any relief through either of the old parties spects for his grand and manful fight so we should put out good men-not Republicans or Democrats—but inde pendent of either, and then too the mark and elect them all, which, I think, is the only way to enforce our principles, which is our only hope for relief. Yours fraternally,

STAND ON THE PLATFORM. EL PABO, N. C.

J. C. BUTNER

Let every Sub-Alliance in the United States adopt, in substance, the following resolution and instruct their delegates to the April meeting to vote for its adoption by the County Alli ances. Then let every one stick to it. the office holders, Shylock and Casar.

Resolved. That we will vote for no man for any office who does not stand squarely on the Ocala platform, and who does not pledge himself to use every honorable means to carry out every principle involved therein; and also any and every demand made by the Alliance as to local issues. W. W. DREW.

"OUR PUBLIC VOICE."

G. W. HAHN.

BY STANDING TOGETHER.

ly-ridden parties would laugh in their praise. Let Wall street honor them. slasves could they induce us to divide Let us, the people, of every party, of

our strength between them, the Alli ance going with the Democrats in the South and with the Republicans in the North and West). No, we cannot afford to divide our forces between the main of money, of peace, progress and two old parties for the sake of a few faction of these corrupt monopolistic | plenty over a smiling land," machines. Such a course would be to

principles. 3. Then what must we do? All unite in ONE party that is not run by Wanamaker's money or Tammany's liquor slaves, but one that has inscribed on its banner, "For our wives and our

crucify our cause and sacrifice our

will achieve the victory. JOHN R. MILLER.

children, our homes and our God.'

United under this banner, we can and

FORM A NEW PARTY.

may the Alliance and the friends of reform best secure the recognition and enforcement of our principles, please allow me to say that With reference to your question, there is no way under the sun for us digressing. The point I wish to make How can the Alliance enforce our to secure recognition and enforcement is this: Please put "Old Nash" down there is one way -outside of a revolu and distinct political action on the part | gl ; of life and liberty against money anything else they please, but upon that and that alone hangs the destiny of the nation. The two old parties belor g both body and soul to the money power, and they will never recognize Is answer to your question, I would the Farmers' Alliance in no other say when the toiling millions unite for capacity than as a tail to fly their own 6, Section 8 of the Constitution as the great cause (leaving the two old kite. We can stay in the old parties amended at Morehead. Please read parties which are rotten and worse as long as we will be hewers of wood them and get all the brethren familiar than corrupt) and select men of honor and drawers of water for them, but be who will honest y represent the peo- fore we reach the haven of prosperity dues in proper time. ple who gave them their vote. Then we will have to build us a house of and not till then can we secure the our own, founded upon the rock of amble and resolutions were unanimous-'equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

W. H. SCHOOLFIELD.

EDUCATE THE PEOPLE,

McCall, S C. 1. We should establish circulating Ocala platform and stay there. Do not | libraries in every Sub-Alliance of re equivocate. Remain united and true for n papers, of well written reform to Alliance interest, and reform will books containing well authenticated follow our efforts; that we must get facts We should invite non Alliancewell organized and stay so; that we men to participate in the library work. must study reform, practice and We might have a central library at preach it in high and low places. I every county seat and allow the subam not by myself in these principles | libraries to take out from this central library from time to time, all books to be returned at a given time.

2. We should distribute reform liter ature among the people by subscribing for extra copies of reform papers for manswer to "How may the friends some one person or more, and we should give our reform papers (after we have read them) to such persons as

3. We should send out lecturers throughout the whole country to strict obligation not to sell out or take | preach and teach reform to the whole

4. We should contribute liberally to the Propaganda fund in order that free literature may be sent to as many as possible, and that lecturers may be furnished with means of carrying reform doctrine-to every corner of this great domain.

Only by education can we ever expect or hope to succed in this great and grand work. Fraternally, W. W. McElwes.

POLK AND POWDERLY, OR POWDERLY AND POLK.

WARREN Co., N. C. To secure needed reforms, Polk and Powderly, or Powderly and Polk, should be our presidential candidates, Let St. Louis look to it. Polk to represent agriculture and labor, and Powderly to represent labor and agriculture. Labor includes every possible industry in town and in country, farm and factory, shop and store and mine; and it ought to include also, the pro fessions, every one of them teacher and preacher, merchant and doctor, ar ist and editor, lawyers and all. For, if seen aright and to the bottom, the interest of every single class and calling in the world is identical with the interest of the farmer and the laborer, excepting only the money-mongers and

It is the people against the pluto-

crats and the oligarchs; not that we may rob them, but may keep them from robbing us any longer through the forms of law. Again, it is impossible to get the people together under the old names. Democrats have been taught to hate, and do hate, the name of Republican, and Republicans hate the name of Democrat back again. We old Democrats won't vote for anything Am echo of 75,000 intelligent voters that is called Republican, no matter of North Carolina. If we mistake not what it is, and so with the Republi the temper of the above number. We cans You can't write the people under demands-and in so doing we stand name, that the great masses of the peosquarely upon the "People's plat- ple may gather under one banner, and form" The "able editors" of North that peaceable reform by the ballot Carolina have cut the throat of the may come. And what better name can Democratic party of North Carolina. | we find than the People's party with The above number have been forced its glorious principles? Besides, the from her ranks through their malicious | leaders of both the old parties are lying. It matters not what action the | dead against the interests of the peo-February St. Louis meeting does, our | ple Look at Harrison and Cleveland, voices our only hope is an amalga | Blaine and Hill, Sherman and Carlisle, mation of all labor organizations. each and all servants of shylock and God grant that may be done at St. tools of Wall street. The rascals won't even let us make our God-given silver into money, a right guaranteed to us by the Constitution of our fathers, 1. By standing together shoulder to when there is a money famine everyshoulder, man to man, in one solid where but in Wall street, How, then, 2. By allowing no party affiliation to Out with such pretended friends of the Mirandi Alliance, will not use one dust

every industry and of every section rally around the standard of labor and agriculture, of justice and fraternity, of the liberation of man from the doprosperity, of Polk and Powderly, or equivocal promises made by some local Powderly and Polk. "And scatter

HORACE PAIMER, SE

NASH COUNTY IS ALL RIGHT.

MR. EDITOR:-When I read so many good resolutions and reports, in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, from the different county meetings, especially those of the first quarter in January, and see with what unanimity they all agree, it makes one feel just like we ought to proclaim the glad tidings from hou-e to house, county to county, and from State to State, saying, "The Lord be praised In answer to the question 'How for giving to see and feel our oppression and the means of relief in such a general manner." I think the brethren now fully realize the fact that "united we stand, divided we fall." I fear I am

> At our last meeting in January there were 30 Subs represented and three more have reported since, leaving only one behin I now. The last report of the County Secretary shows a slight falling off of male members, but nearly all was by suspension.

> Brethren, I wish to call your attention to Article 4, Section 1, and Article them and insist on their paying heir

At our last meeting the following pre-It adopted:

WHEREAS, Some of our Representatives in Congress did go into a party caucus; and whereas, Congressman Watson did refuse to do so Resolved, That we, the Nash County

Farmers' Alliance, assembled, do fully endorse and commend the action of Congressman Watson, and recemmend the action of this brother to his con-2d. That the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to our

Representatives in Congress, and that the Rattler and THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, our State and county organs be requested to publish the same. Wishing you, your paper, our grand

Order and its leaders much success, I Yours fraternally, C. H. BAINES,

Sec'y Nash Co. Alliance.

LETTER FROM THE EAST. OKISKO, N. C. Mr. Editor:-It has been quite a while since I have attempted to com-

municate with you and through the columns of your valuable paper, with the brethren of the Alliance, having been for several weeks confined to my bed with that terrible malady la grippe, of which disease the dearest object and idel of my heart (my wife) fell a victim on the 2nd ult. at the age of 56 years: She had been a consistent member of the church from the age of 14, and was fully in accord with our Order and

members of the same, doing all she could for their success. "My loss has been her gain. But for family afflictions you would

have had a line from the East ere this. Language fails me to express the deep solicitude for the success and harmonious meeting and greeting of the nobla and patriotic Alliancemen and of other organizations who are accredited delegates to the St. Louis Conference on the 22d inst. I pray God that they may be guided by his unnerring council. May prudence, wisdom and conservatism prevail in their deliberations and a fraternal feeling prompt and actuate every delegate, whether from the North, South, East or West to stand unequivocally and flat-footed by and on the Alliance demands. We of the East are in line and are ready for the word to save our common country from misrule and misrepresentation Upon the action and wisdom of that body hangs the hope of civil and religious liberty. Best wishes to the brethren

everywhere. Yours fraternally, M. G. GREGORY, Co. Lecturer.

AN APPEAL.

WHEREAS, Our Brother, R. T. Edmondson, has met with the misfortune of losing his hand from an accident; and whereas, Conoho Alliance has responded to the distress of brethren in other Alliances:

Resolved, That we hereby respectfully request each Sub-Alliance in North Carolina to contribute 35 cents for Bro. Edmondson's aid, and forward it to Jno. L. Hines, Secretary Conoho Alliance, No. 1,017, Conoho, N. C.

Approved. J. A. WHITLEY, Pres't.

MIRANDI ALLIANCE, ROWAN CO.

MR. EDITOR: - At a regular meeting of Mirandi Alhance, No. 381, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, We know that cotton is selling at a less price than the cost of production; and whereas, we know that to use guano would be detrimental to our best interest; therefore be it Resolved. That we, the members of

guano is greatly reduced. A. S. TURFER, Cor. Sec.